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1. Soviet orders receive continuing priority at the former Varta works because the Soviet Union promptly delivers the needed materials. Great weight continues to be laid on the production of accumulators for airplanes, especially the light zinc-silver accumulator of 21 KV power at 80 ampere-hours; 472 of these accumulators were manufactured in December 1953. This accumulator is especially characterized by its small acid content and its out-of-service durability. It is said to be manufactured after a US patent.
2. A generator set was delivered to the Soviet Union on 28 Dec 53. It is reported to be for a Soviet sugar factory. An order for another generator set was received at the beginning of January 1954.
3. There is no change in the production of accumulators and generators for regular motor vehicle service. However, an order has been received from Czechoslovakia calling for 5,350 motor vehicle accumulators during the year 1954. This order in all probability will result in a reduction of deliveries to the DZT (Deutsche Handelszentrale).

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